

## POWER OF ATTORNEY FROM ASSIGNEE

Nikko Metal Manufacturing Co.,Ltd. a Company of Japan, having a place of business at:  
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is assignee of the entire right, title and interest for the United States of America (as defined in 35 U.S.C. § 100) and for the World, by reason of an Assignment to the Assignee executed on  
(indicate execution date of Assignment): \_\_\_\_\_,  
enclosed herewith, of an invention known as  
(indicate title of Application): \_\_\_\_\_

which is disclosed and claimed in a patent application of the same title by the inventor(s):  
(indicate names of inventors): \_\_\_\_\_  
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said application filed at the U.S. Patent and Trademark Office:

Herewith, or  
 on \_\_\_\_\_, and accorded serial no. \_\_\_\_\_.

The Assignee hereby appoints Jeffrey I. Auerbach, Reg. No. 32,680 to prosecute this application and any continuation, divisional, continuation-in-part, or reissue application thereof, and to transact all business in the U.S. Patent and Trademark Office connected therewith.

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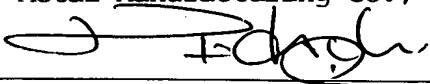
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